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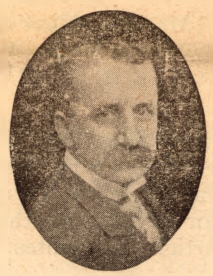
BORN in Deep River, Conn., in 1845. Educated principally at Ellington School kept by his father Rev. F. W. Chapman, a man of superior literary attainments. Entered office of the Hartford Courant, Connecticut, leading journal in 1862 and is still employed there. Became interested in stamps in 1892-93 while laid up ten months from an accident by an elevator which broke his shoulder and otherwise badly injured him. The stamp disease was not thoroughly fastened on him, however, till November, 1896, when he bought a Scott International Album for his son's birthday present. Since then he has been a close student of stamps, and the collection, which belongs to the "junior," has reached 4,500 or more varieties, quite strong in Argentine, Canada and Cuba. In March, 1899, he started the Perforator, disposing of it when it reached his ideas of a good readable journal, but contributed to it a while after, as well as to other journals. Moved to Rocky Hill, Conn., in April, 1898, where he owns a house and five acres of land



HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

from which he has been called "Farmer Chapman" although he says he is no farmer, either by experience or taste. He started the Adhesive last January. Has written for many philatelic journals, at present being review editor for the Philatelic Post and Philatelic Gazette, and contributor to the Philatelic Chronicle and Alleghany Philatelist. He will furnish "Random Jottings" for THE JUBILEE PHILATELIST, giving his observations on stampic matters. He is a member of nearly a dozen societies, including the leading two of Canada, American Philatelic Association, Chicago Philatelic Society, etc. He is not an office seeker but is Vice-President of L. of C. P. for the United States, advt. and sub-agent for D. P. A., and acting recorder for the International Order of Philatelic Knights, a new secret society projected by Edwin L. Shove, The Adhesive being its official organ. Mr. Chapman is not particular in his stamp collections. While preferring straight postal issues, he saves minor varieties, shades, revenues of different countries, etc.

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BY S. E. MOISANT.

Everything around here is very dull at present and I am afraid that my notes for this month will have to be a little short. But I assure you that it is a great pleasure for me to contribute regularly to such a paper as the Jubilee Philatelist.

The most important event to chronicle this month is the robbery of the Chicago office of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Thieves broke into several offices in the Journal building and among these was the editorial office of the Weekly. Stamps to the value of fifty dollars were stolen from the desk of Mr. C. E. Severn, the editor. All the dealers in the city were notified of the theft and to be on the lookout for the stamps. The stamps were offered for sale at the office of the United States Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Severn happened to be present at the time, and after questioning the man found out that they had been given to him to sell by one of his customers. The man proved to be a saloon keeper. Mr. Severn got the stamps back I believe and up to the present time no arrests had been made.

Rev. G. C. Rheinfrank attended the Methodist Conlerence recently held in Chicago. Mr. Rheinfrank will be remembered as the gentleman who was selling the stamps received from foreign missionaries. When he first advertised these stamps he was at Minneapolis, Minn. but was since located at La-Crosse, Wis.

The next issue of the Stamp Exchange will be a special issue devoted to the interests of the Junior Stamp Dealer's Protective Association, with cuts and sketches of the officers and leading members, also a history of the society.

It is queer how much cheek some people have. I have had a postal card request for a sample copy of the same paper from one person six times. If this is not cheek, I would like to know what it is.

I hear that the Prairie State Philatelic Ass'n. is prospering, but to what extent I do not know.

I see a new hinge advertised in one or two papers by a Chicago dea'er. Geo. C. Hartung. They are called Hartung's Hinges.

I have not seen or heard anything of the new Illinois Philatelist.

Stamp business around here is pretty dull at present. The beginning of the summer months usually brings on the dull season.

One of my eastern collector friends informs me that he has just fallen heir to a little fortune in Chicago and that he will probably spend a couple of the summer months in Chicago and Rankakee.

The youngest member of the Chicago Philatelic society is the son of the President, P. M. Wolsieffer. Mr. Wolsieffer jr., is now 10 years old and has been a member of the society since he was five years of age.

Three months more and all eyes will be turned toward Milwaukee, Wis. the convention seat of the three representative philatelic associations of America. August has been selected for the month on account of the G.A.R. meet in Chicago, there being excursion rates on all roads at that time to Chicago and the fair from Chicago to Milwaukee is very cheap. There ought to be a very good attendance from Chicago and surrounding cities.

NOT RECEIVED—Up to date we have not received Ottawa, London, Eng., or Montreal notes. As we do not know Mr. Holmes' present address we cannot get the C.P.C. reports for this month.

A MISTAKE—In the Editorials on page 68 it reads "One inch advt. 15 cts." This should be 35 cts.

A. R. MAGILL—Next number we will publish the cut and biographical sketch of A. R. Magill, Montreal.

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NOTES AND NOTED.

AMY L. SWIFT.

The 2c rate now established on letters passing between Great Britain and a goodly number of her colonies has rather stirred up the people of Uncle Sam's dominion to ask why the same privilege should not be extended to them as well as to British subjects. There has been more or less quiet talk on the subject ever since Canada inaugurated the plan, and now, according to the daily press, the matter has been semi-formally brought to the notice of the Postmaster-General with a request that he use his influence to secure a 2c rate on letters from the United States to all foreign countries, or at least to those within the postal union. Mr. P. M. General is good enough to grant his approval of the suggestion, but that is not enough, for the Mr. P. M. Generals of the other countries must be brought to view the notion with similar approval before anything can be done towards changing the present rates. Of course there will be yards and yards of red tape to be unwound before the reduction can be put into force, but the trend of life makes it pretty certain that the lower rate will prevail sometime, and probably before many more years have slipped by. Ever since the postal department was first started there has been a gradual reduction in the rates of postage demanded on letters (or any other matter) transmitted by its aid, and each reduction has resulted in an increase of the mail matter submitted. This may have meant a pecuniary loss for the government sometimes, but the people have been benefitted in every case; therefore the government has not really lost after all, for by helping its people to higher ground it has rendered them more capable of fulfilling its needs and duties. It will not be surprising if the next decade sees us enioying the privilege of 1c postage on local letters and a 2c rate on the majority of foreign.

The "Federated Malay States" instead of making a bon-fire of the stamps made useless for postal purposes by the union, seem to have gone into the business of surcharging the various left-overs with the new name, a proceeding that cannot be said to add greatly to the "beauty" of the stamps, and "beauty" is what we all clamor for, you know. Perhaps it is too hot out there for a bon-fire, but the "Federated Malay States" might have invented some other method of destroying the remainders, so as to supply philatelists with some really pretty pictures, beg their pardon, I mean postage stamps. But we have no occasion for despair, for doubtless we will be fully and bountifully remembered later on.

The new half penny stamp of Great Britain has appeared, and although there are voices raised on both sides for and against its appearance, Mr. Nankivell, in his letter to the American Journal of Philately, calls the new color a "sickly emerald green, and denounces it as "anything but pleasing," yet two other journals received the same day, and a letter that came a day later, spoke of it as a "vast improvement on the old color." The design is of course the same, it is the color that has stirred criticism. I don't know what folks said when this design was first adopted for use, but presume there must have been folks who didn't hesitate to insinuate that they could have chosen a much nicer one had they been consulted. Oh, well! As we do not all think exactly alike it is impossible everyone should always be suited, so disagreements must be allowed for. All the same, it is rather ludicrous to have so much talk over the appearance of every new stamp, just as if its sole purpose of existence was to please the eye instead of to pay postage on mail matter.

I wonder how many collectors have noticed that there are two types of the Austrian Levant 10 para on 3sld of 1886. Scott lists them both, but the second is in small type, and described only as "surcharge 16mm." The other, the common type of surcharge, is given as being 15mm in length, but I am told that the correct figures are 15½mm. Half a milimetre is very little to think about, but it means considerable difference in the price, the stamp with the short measurement being priced at 6c unused, and 8c used whereas the other is supposed to be worth $10, in either condition. The long surcharge, 16mm, was printed at Constantinople; there is a space of 2mm between the "10" and the "P" and the word "Para" is above the base line of the numerals. The shorter surcharge was of Vienna printing, has a space of but 1½mm between the "10" and the "P" and has no word "Para" on the same base line as the numerals. This base line test is the quickest one to use in examination, as the eye will sooner note a difference of position than a difference of measurement when the variation is so slight.

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Hon. Mulock is preparing books of stamps similar to those used in the United States, for Canada. The stamps will be between paraffin paper, and the books will fit into the vest pocket.

Several stamp papers state that C. E. A. Holmes has moved to Smith's Falls, to aid in running the JUBILEE. We wish to contradict this statement. Mr. Holmes spent a week or two in Smith's Falls but returned to Montreal and since then we have heard very little of him, our letters being unanswered. He may turn up in Quebec.

We cannot understand why one Canadian paper can publish cuts and the other two cannot. Perhaps someone can explain.

When our first volume is completed the JUBILEE will appear in magazine form, October being Vol. 2 Whole No. 13.

A. S. BERTRAND.

RANDOM JOTTINGS.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

CAPS.—As well known, the 2c carmine 1890 stamp of the United States is often found with what is termed a "cap." The left figure 2 has it the oftenest, while it is less common on the right 2, and still scarcer is the stamp which has "caps" on both. The 1900 catalogue has all in as minor varieties, which was not the case in former catalogues. Recently Mr. J. F. Dodge sent me a used block of four of the 1890 2c stamp and both of the stamps on the left had "caps" on the left figure 2 and I consider this block worth keeping as a novelty. The 1c blue of 1890 is found with a "quirl" on the side of the left figure 1 which is designated as a "squirrel tail." This variety is not mentioned in the catalogue.

THE STAMP BOOKS.—Probably everybody or nearly everybody in the States has seen the little stamp books issued by the U. S. post office department, but some of the JUBILEE PHILATELIST readers may not have seen or heard of them. For their benefit I will describe them. The little books are the size of a block of six stamps in two vertical rows and come containing 12, 24 and 48 stamps, which cost respectively 25, 49 and 97c. or each book costs one cent more than the face value of the stamp. Between each sheet of six stamps is a layer of thin paper to prevent the stamps from sticking together. Thus they can be conveniently carried in the vest pocket or pocket-book, and are handy to send by mail. Four distinct perforations occur in a sheet of six, viz: Two stamps are imperforate on the left side, two imperforate on the right, one imperforate on the left and bottom and one imperforate on the right and bottom. All that I have come across so far seem to be on thicker paper than those that come in sheets of 100. It is said that some have plate numbers, but I have seen none yet. On the covers are items concerning postal rates.

WRONGFULLY USED.—I recently saw the word "unperforate" used two or three dozen times in the advertisement of one of our leading dealers. It may appear all right to some unsophisticated people but really there is no such word in the dictionary. "Imperforate" is the correct word, meaning a lack of perforation.

A SMALL POST OFFICE.—The Evergreen State Philatelist says the smallest post office in the United States is at Virginia, California, the dimensions being six feet long, five feet high and three feet wide, with five locked draweas. Possibly this may be the smallest building called a post office but there are plenty of places where the mail is laid on the centre table of a private house, and there are no boxes in use at all.

OFTEN MISSPELLED.—One of the necessary articles used by philatelists is much mis-spelled, viz, the gauge. "Guage" is wrong. There are words connected with our hobby which puzzle us, however. The latter part of May I received a paper from Valparaiso, Chile, which spelled it Chili all through, yet the stamps have it spelled Chile. Philippines is often spelled wrong too, but the country most mis-spelled of any is the Colombian Republic. Golumbian and Columbia being wrongfully used for Colombian.

ANENT THE STAMP BOOKS.—Already we hear complaints that the new books are "n. g." and that the stamps stick prematurely in spite of the protection intended by the paraffine paper. Of course there is a choice of places to keep your little book of stamps, and it isn't necessary to make them sweat as a test. And this isn't all. Up rises somebody and exclaims that he invented the style of book used, and he wants a royalty on every book produced. Query: Will the U. S. Government make a special count for this claimant, and will he get a slice of the $2,000,000 the government expects to clear annually from the new-fangled arrangement?

REVIEW.

G. C. KEITH.

The following magazines were received this month:—

Northwestern Philatelist, Vol. iii, No. 1.—*H. A. Chapman. Are not Reprints Harmful to Philately? Stamparagraphs. At the Stamp Window.

Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. xxiii, No. 9—Opportunities. Philatelic Errors. New Birth of Philately.

Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. ii, No. 1—Ingenious Letter Boxes. Stamps of Heligoland.

The Adhesive, Vol. i, No. 5.—*W. Kelsey Hall. Value of Shades. Across our Albums. Stray Notes on a Sheet of Stamps.

Bay State Philatelist, Vol. iii, No. 6. —*Cecil Rawson. Hoosier Jottings. Kismet. Stamp Hunter's Luck.

Ohio Philatelist, Vol. ii, No. 3.—*A. C. Trask. Anent the Future. Virginia Philatelist, Vol. iii, No. 9. —*Fred G. Fuessel. Shade Collecting. New Issues and Discoveries.

Energy, Vol. i, No. 4.—*W. H. Schmalz. Sermon to Philatelic Advertisers.

Stampic America, Vol. i, No. 1. —Changes in Philately. Collecting Terms Defined.

The Exchange, Vol. i, No. 3.—Here and There. Hard Words.

Prairie State Philatelist, Vol. i, No 3.—Boer History in Postage Stamps. Stamps of the East. New Issues.

Philatelic Spectalor, Vol. ii, No. 5.—Niger Stamps. Benefits of Stamp Collecting.

Montreal Philatelist, Vol. ii, No. 11.—New Issues. Personalities.

Philatelic West and Camera News, Vol. xii, No. 2.—Counterfeits and their Detection. Joys Forever. Continentals. Postmark Collecting.

Grant's Monthly, Vol. i, No. 1.—Charlie Scarritt's Windfall. Island of Guam. Wee Bits.

Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. vi, No 6.—Collector of Philatelic Literature Puzzles, Etc.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Vol. xiv, No 34.—New Issues. Collector's Catalogue.

Philatelic Advocate, Vol. viii, No. 6. *A. R. Magill. Postal Service of New American Colonies. *St. Catherines. "Our Eye." D.P.A. Convention.

International Philatelic Review, Vol. ii, No. 1. - Japanese Stamps. How to Bind Periodicals.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Vol. xiv, No. 23.—London Letter. New Issues. As in a Looking Glass Chicago Philatelic Society.

*Means cuts and sketch.

The June 7th issue of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is a summer special and reflects credit on the publishers.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of Grant's Monthly has appered. "Charlie Scarritt's Windfall" by J. Gable is a good philatelic fictional story. It represents how a school was brought under control by the use of stamps. A. L. Jones in "Wee Bits" says that Canada promises a weekly stamp paper.

In the Allegheny Philatelist Mr. Chapman's "Short Paragraphs" give some interesting information. He writes, "We hear from different quarters that either the United States or Germany will purchase the Danish West Indies, thus putting a few more stamps in the obsolete category."

The Philatelic Chronicle says that the editor of the Mount Royal Stamp News "has gone to help run The Jubilee. Where?" For their information and for other papers also I may say that the former is not so. As to the latter part, "Where?" it hardly deserves notice. The Jubilee is published by the Jubilee Stamp and Publishing Co. at Smith's Falls, Ont., an up-to-date flourishing town of over 5,000 of a population, situated on the Rideau river and is the chief place on the C. P. R. between Montreal and Toronto. The chief article of interest in this number of the Chronicle is Mr. Chapman's "Ingenious Letter Boxes" which is good.

The Philatelic Bulletin will hereafter drop city letters and short notes as they really belong to the weekly publications.

"At the stamp window" in the Western Philatelist shows a few of the post office clerk's difficulties caused by the new "stamp book."

Last, but by no means least, I must make mention of the neat, newsy, well written, clearly printed Adhesive which is a credit to the editor and printer. It is certainly well named the "Sticker" and Mr. Chapman objects to the "grossly personal" remarks of The Montreal Philatelist.

The June number of The Philatelic Advocate is very interesting containing D. P. A. convention reports. The articles are good and worth reading.

Having received so many publications this month I have to be contented with a mere mention of many of them as space will not permit a lengthy review.

G. C. KEITH.

SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.

Born Nov. 10th, 1882, at Manten, Ill. In 1889 moved to Kankakee, Ill., where he has since resided. First interested in stamps in 1893, in 1895 joined the rank of dealers which now conducts the largest in Illinois, outside of Chicago. Member of almost every philatelic organization in America. One of the organizers of the Junior Stamp Dealers Protective Assn. and elected first president. Had a collection of 5,000 varieties of foreign stamps. Sold out and started to save U. S. of which he has now about 600 varieties. In Sept., 1899, started The Illinois Philatelist but being unable to get second class rates he sold out. In Feb., 1900, he started The Stamp Exchange and is still publishing it with great success. He would be pleased to correspond with anyone. A. S. BERTRAND.

Good Varieties to Look for.

(BY JOHN PELTZ.)

In the May issue of THE JUBILEE PHILATELIST I had a little to say of certain little differences in stamps. I herewith supplement the above with another article of the same title but with different contents.

Of those Belgium errors mentioned I have not only got the 5c. green "Peigique" but also my collection contains the 1884-91 1c gray with and without period after "Centime." This variety, atrange to say, is not listed by Scott, but it seems as distinct a variety as the 1869-70 1c green.

I have the 1874-79 8 ore carmine and slate of Denmark, without a period after the word "Postfrim," nor is there the faintest indication of there ever having been one there. This is, I think, a very scarce variety, as is also the same stamp where the upper part of the figure "8" is cut off, thns forming an "o." This is a stamp I have heard of but never seen a copy.

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SOME POPULAR ERRORS.

EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

And errors are popular; there's no denying that. Oh, I don't mean errors in stamps—they would be more popular if less expensive—but errors in opinion and judgment; and it really seems that the more erratic the error is, the readier the unthinking public is to accept it as very gospel. The wonderful eccentricities and vagaries of the philatelic public would almost lead one to infer that stamp collectors are, as a class, deficient in intellect, were it not for the fact that we have daily proof that the whole world is decidedly unaccountable in its actions, so we may console ourselves on that score.

The first popular delusion to which I will take occasion to refer is in regard to surcharges. But perhaps it would be doing a majority of the people injustice to call it "popular," but among a certain class it has gained a considerable following, and this following makes its presence known most vociferously.

Stated briefly, the delusion is this: Surcharges are not good looking, are speculative, are bound to depreciate in value, and are not worthy of a place in any self-respecting collector's album. The last statement does not deserve any reply and the first depends largely on individual taste; although for myself, I think that a neat surcharge and they generally are neat—does not detract one whit from the beauty of a stamp, for they are, in most cases, impressed on the stamp so as to avoid defacing the design. With regard to the assertion that they are speculative, a moment's thought shows that to be fallacious. It is true that many surcharges are speculative, but that proves nothing whatever, either for or against it, for it is equally true that many unsurcharged ordinary stamps are also speculative. I believe, and with reason, that the majority of the ordinary issues are not speculative in any sense of the term, and likewise by far the greater part of those which have been surcharged were treated thus under stress of the necessity of the postal service, and not for mere sale to stamp collectors.

Concerning the value of this kind of stamps, it is an easy matter to assert in glittering generalities that they decrease in price. But these generalities mean nothing unless backed up by figures and by facts. I will give a few facts from the catalogue. Let the reader bear in mind that the fifty-seventh edition of the catalogue was subject to much greater discounts than the fifty-ninth, and that 1897 was an era of inflated prices. Remembering this, I say notice the following figures with regard to surcharges, and then think. Opening my catalogue at random, I happened to turn to Mauritius, and a number of surcharges there attrated my notice. Number forty nine, is priced $10.00 in the fifty ninth, only $7.00 in the fifty seventh. Number eighty is in the fifty ninth $1.00, and in the previous one 50c. Then casting my eye over the Natal pages, I find that numbers eighteen to forty six inclusive, are all surcharges, and that out of twenty eight stamps, there were but four which lost in price from 1897 to 1900, and the total decrease was twenty seven cents! contrast this with the gains made by the other twenty four, in one case as much as $20.00, and then, if you can, say that surcharges are not a good investment. Or if it be considered unfair to speak only of British colonies, there is Porto (not Puerto, if you please) Rico. Numbers one to thirteen are all surcharges, and unsightly ones at that, but there is not one of them that lost a hair's breadth in their price. And so on, ad infinitum, one might give countless instances to prove that surcharges are good things financially. I trust that the pub'ic will see the error of its way and no longer vilify these innocent and desirable stamps.

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